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HARDING ADMIRES UNCLE JOE CANNON

(Editorial in the Marion Star, Mr. Harding's paper, March 19, 1909.)

Speaker Cannon refutes the idea that he is now, or ever has been a Czar. He holds that the majority rules now and always has ruled. Right you are, "Uncle Joe," and it is one of the most highly centralized and perfectly unified majorities that ever came down the legislative thoroughfare.

SNARES SET BY STANDPATTERS

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Taft's Tariff Commission is a Fooler

There Is Only One Kind of Insurgency That Counts

If you are a level-headed, sound-thinking Republican, just give your mind for a moment to the contemplation of inconsistent declarations in the platform adopted by the insurgent Republicans of California at their state convention.

Allegiance of the party in California is pledged to the "progressive" Republican policies enunciated by President Roosevelt and reaffirmed and already in part enacted into law under the administration of President Taft.

How is that for hocuspocus? If the progressive policies of Roosevelt have been reaffirmed and partly enacted into law under the administration of President Taft, what are Roosevelt and his new school of "progressives" hollering about?

But the sublime foolishness of the California insurgent platform is its endorsement of the Taft tariff commission, to-wit: "We therefore join with the president in demanding the appointment of a permanent tariff commission, wholly removed from the possibility of political pressure or improper business influences; and as fast as its recommendations are made, congress should revise one schedule at a time; and, we oppose any future general revision, based upon insufficient data to determine the amount of protection actually needed."

Now if a whole capitol building full of congressmen and senators can not keep a party platform promise to revise the tariff downward, how can a commission of three men appointed by partisan choice to do party service be expected to act without "political pressure" or be removed from "improper business influences" that are strong enough to control the majority in both branches of congress? Then, too, the declaration in favor of revising one schedule at a time and against a future general revision is but a pretext for procrastination and circumlocution that will end finally in nothing being done, if bad is not made worse.

This expression in the California platform bears out the declared purpose of the Taft administration to make of the tariff commission a soft place to light on for all its tariff tumbling. Having revised the tariff upward in violation of the platform promises of 1908, the administration would cajole the people to wait and wait and wait and fix their hopes for relief upon the actions of a commission named by and serving under the direct influence of a president who has proclaimed the present tariff law to be the best tariff ever passed.

And if this iniquitous tariff is to be revised one schedule at a time, in accordance with the most approved kind of "political pressure" and "business influences," there are boys in their cradles today who will grow up to be great-grandfathers before a

Republican congress would get through with the second schedule.

A properly organized tariff commission clothed with administrative powers might be of some service to the country. But a tariff commission like that created in the Taft-Cannon-Aldrich tariff act is nothing but a piece of political machinery, and was meant to be so. It has already beguiled the insurgent Republicans of California just as it was meant to beguile dissatisfied Republicans throughout the United States, whether they call themselves independent, insurgents or progressives.

And that is as much as "insurgency" amounts to that falls into the snares set by the stand-patters at Washington.

There is only one kind of insurgency that will amount to anything. It is the kind that upset the stand-patters in the Old Colony district of Massachusetts and the Rochester district of New York. It is the kind Eugene Foss advised the voters of Rochester to adopt. He told them he had tried for years to reform his party by insurgency and failed. Then he said, "Don't be a near Democrat, be a real Democrat, and come over into the Democratic party where you belong and can do the most good."

Eugene Foss had been an insurgent Republican in Massachusetts for years, but failed to reform his party against the stand-patism of Senators Crane and Lodge.

LaFollette has tried the same kind of insurgency in Wisconsin for years and failed—failed even to get any assistance from Roosevelt in his desperate fight this year.

Beveridge is trying the same kind of insurgency in Indiana to save himself. So is Bristow in Kansas. So are Cummins and Dooliver in Iowa. Garfield tried it at the Columbus convention and was kicked out. And all will fail if they profess the kind of insurgency that ends with platforms of surrender like that adopted by the insurgent Republican convention in California.

The right kind of insurgency in Ohio will go to the polls in November determined to clean up on the whole bunch of alleged insurgents at home among their constituents who become Cannon servers when they go back to Washington. And it will also clean up on Mr. Harding, whose campaign slogan is "Stand by Taft," whose platform lauds Taft and the Taft-Cannon-Aldrich tariff, and who has repeatedly declared in public speeches that the present is the best tariff ever enacted by any congress. And it will also clean up on the whole Harding ticket.

For this is the year to stand by the splendid state administration of Governor Harmon and to give him a full set of state officers and a legislature with a Democratic majority in both branches that will work with him to root out the lingering snags of the corrupt regime that held full sway in Ohio so many years.

G. O. P. GREEKS BEARING GIFTS

Making Pretense of Their Love For Bryan Now

DESIRE TO DISRUPT THE OHIO DEMOCRACY

Harmon's Candidacy Rises Above Political Lines

Here is an extract from a political article published in the Ohio State Journal (Rep.) of Aug. 28 that is of special interest to every Democratic voter in Ohio:

Bryan has lectured twice in Ohio since the Dayton convention, at Franklin and at Buckeye Lake. Each time the Jefferson club of Columbus sent a delegation to urge him to speak at the ex-roast celebration they planned. To each delegation Bryan made the same reply.

He called attention to Harmon's having been endorsed for president by the state convention. "I could not speak at Columbus, the capital of the state of which Harmon is governor, without referring to his candidacy for president. I am opposed to him for president. I will accept an invitation from the Jefferson Club for any date after the November election, but not before."

These are his repeated words. They have been interpreted by the governor's advisers to mean that Bryan will stay out of Ohio. The Republicans expect to make use of them where they will do Harding the most good, in the northwestern counties. Every Democrat who has a dollar is a subscriber to The Commonwealth.

Following the argument of Congressman Nicholas Longworth in his keynote speech at the Republican state convention, they will tell the Bryan Democrats that a vote for Harmon this fall is not a vote for him for governor, but for him for president; that his re-election as governor will make certain his nomination for president. Therefore by voting for Harmon they will be voting to nominate for president the man Bryan is most desirous should not be nominated.

The Democrats will endeavor to meet this argument by telling Bryan sympathizers it would be folly to throw away a governorship out of fear that the incumbent might be promoted.

For unadulterated gall and unmitigated insolence the foregoing is entitled to the doughnut. Its importance and significance arise from the source of its origin—in the columns of a partisan Republican paper.

What a pack of fools these Republican oracles evidently take the Democratic voters of Ohio to be. Not only do they betray such belief, they are also bold enough to put in print the methods by which they expect to wheedle Democratic voters into deserting their standards at the threshold of victory.

This is the year for g.o.p. tricksters to come like Greeks bearing gifts to Democratic voters. When Mr. Bryan is a candidate there is no limit to the slander, ridicule and misrepresentation to which the partisan

Republican papers will not go in their designs to poison the public mind against him. But when Mr. Bryan himself is not a candidate, and any other Democrat is placed before the people, how the same partisan g.o.p. newspapers do love Mr. Bryan and fear that he will be put in jeopardy by his friends.

Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for governor of Ohio. He could not serve as governor of this state if all the voters in all the political parties of Ohio were to cast their ballots for him. And it is reasonably certain that if Mr. Bryan were a candidate for governor of this or any other state this year the rabid Republican newspapers would not be so solicitous in his behalf. It is more than probable that they would again be overflowing with their usual badinage as they did not longer ago than the campaign of 1908, when they pleaded sneeringly with voters in Ohio to "vote for Taft this time, you can vote for Bryan any time."

The Democrats of Ohio have before them this year a cause which concerns the welfare of their own state, and their standard bearer is one who has "made good" so far as he was able against the constant hostility of a Republican legislature. There are thousands of Republican voters in Ohio who sincerely join in the desire for the re-election of Judson Harmon to the office of governor, so many in fact that Governor Harmon's candidacy rises above political lines and party bias. It might be said that Governor Harmon is scarcely the candidate of the Democratic party alone for re-election but, in a broader sense, is the candidate of the whole people without regard to political prejudice or party affiliations.

None would be so elated as would these mischief-mongers of the g.o.p. press should they succeed in breeding discord and dissension in the ranks of the Democracy of Ohio, if by that ruse they might be able to effect Governor Harmon's defeat.

After having been cheated out of the laurels of victory by the death of Governor Patterson and the swarming of the old birds of prey back into the state house again under the sheltering arms of Acting Governor Harris; and after a second triumph for the people of Ohio in the state campaign of two years ago which has been followed by two years of public administration that has won the plaudits of the people in Ohio and admiration of the public spirited press throughout the nation, the Democratic voters of Ohio, joined by thousands of their Republican fellow-citizens, are marching with steady step toward the ballot box resolved to register their approval of Judson Harmon's administration and fortify him by electing his associates on the state ticket and a majority in both branches of the legislature that will in full accord with him, to make his second administration a still greater and more gratifying success.

COMPLEXITIES OF POLITICS

Some labor men are talking of holding Governor Harmon responsible for their inability to whip the street car magnates of Columbus. This shows the complexities and vicissitudes of politics. Those men would make the matter of politics hinge on an outside and foreign matter in no way related either to the problems of government or the ability of the candidates who have been nominated to carry out the will of the electors. When a set of directors refuse to follow a certain line of policy in the management of their business they are not amenable to outside advice and it is hardly fair to expect the governor to club them into submission when they refuse to be advised or clubbed. Were Mr. Harding in Governor Harmon's place he would very probably do just what the latter has done in this matter and no more. The threat of some labor leaders to hold the Governor responsible for something he has no power over is so manifestly unfair and unjust that it will react on those who seek revenge in that way, and it would, if pursued, weaken the cause which it seeks to serve. The questions at issue should be determined on their merits and not on extraneous and irrelevant matters.—Marion Mirror.

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August 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Seibert, Hopewell township, a son, Erban Henry.

August 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hatfield, Anthony street, a daughter, Ethel.

August 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Pieren, Jefferson township, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

August 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Bentzsch, East Fulton street, a son, Hugo Stewart.

August 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts, North Walnut street, a daughter, Mary Marie.

August 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins, Jefferson Township, a daughter, Golda May.

August 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Huchner, Hopewell township, a son.

August 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Regedans, Jefferson township, a son, Walter Carl.

Public Sale

The undersigned will sell at public sale, on the old Philip Kable farm, 2 miles east and one-half mile south of Chittanooga, O., on FRIDAY, Sept. 15, 1910, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m., the following personal property:

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There will be preaching at Wabash Sunday, morning and evening.
Daniel Beule and sister, Ella, of Portland, Ind., visited with Dollie McCain Sunday.

Miss Gusta Spohn is spending a couple weeks at home.

Dollie McCain will leave Monday for Cincinnati for a brief visit with friends.

A Close Call

Carl Wrigley, son of Alex Wrigley, living two miles west of this city, narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death last Saturday. He was hauling stone when his team became frightened and ran away, throwing him out in the road. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the Put-hoff home, near where the accident happened. Drs. Wintermute and Miller were called and rendered the necessary medical aid. The young patient is getting along nicely.

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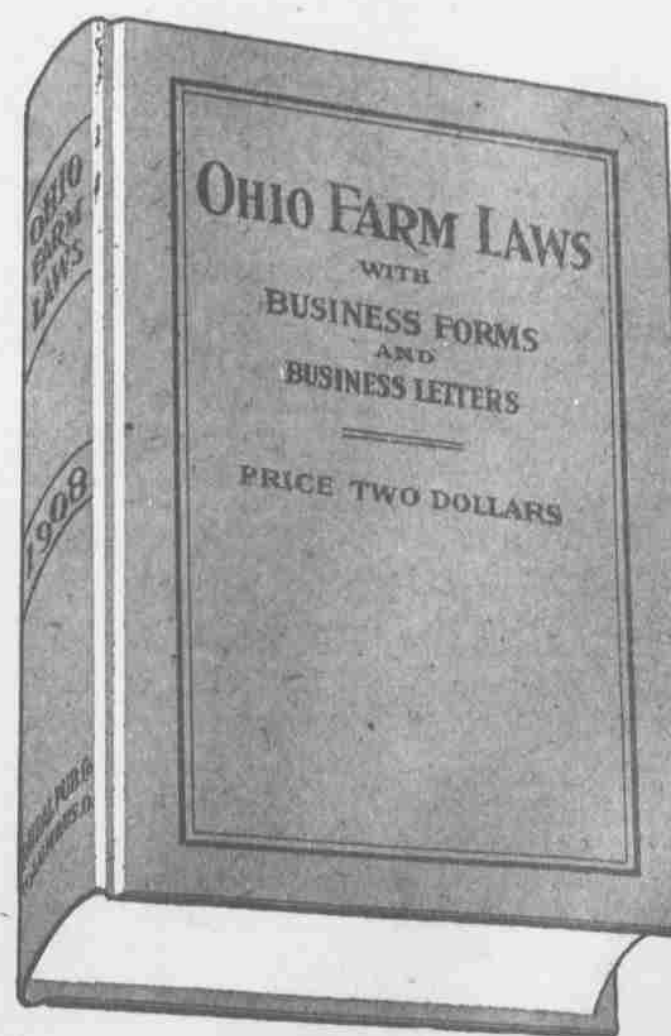


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